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# E-Legislative Update

January 11, 2010

Today marks the official start of the 61st Legislative Session. This is the introduction and first reading of bill, memorials, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions. On January 12, 2010, Governor Gregoire will deliver her State of the State Address at noon in the Legislative Building. Watch it live [here](#).



When the legislature convenes for the 2010 legislative session on Monday, January 11th, they will deliberate over many bills carried over from the 2009 session as well as newly introduced bills. Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific Americans will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian Pacific American community in the areas of education, health care, economic development, and immigration.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and Web site on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the Asian Pacific American community while our Web site hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a "new" [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information.

Topics of anticipated bills in the area of EDUCATION include:

- Addressing the achievement gap
- High school graduation requirements
- Public education programs
- Dropout programs
- Anti-harassment in public schools
- Teacher certification
- State need grant program
- Higher education tuition fees
- Precollege courses
- Higher education access

Topics of anticipated bills in the area of HEALTH CARE include:

- Children's health coverage
- Basic Health Program
- Foreign medical school grads
- Maternity support services
- Public health funding

Topics of anticipated bills on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT include:

- Contracting, loans, and tax credits for small businesses
- Business and occupation tax

Topics of anticipating bills in the area of IMMIGRATION include:

- Illegal alien offenders
- Supporting the Limited English Proficient (LEP) Pathway that promotes economic self sufficiency for refugees and immigrants
- Human trafficking

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

## Education

### Education Appropriations

1/12/10 8:30 am

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: The Superintendent of Public Instruction's agency 2010 supplemental operating budget request.

### Higher Education & Workforce Development

1/12/10 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 3

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session:

1. Briefing on 2010 Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget - Tim Yowell, W&M staff.
2. Report on state financial aid programs - John Klacik, Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB).

### Early Learning & K-12 Education

1/13/10 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 1

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session:

1. Budget briefings:

- a. 2009-11 Budget allocations: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- b. 2010 Budget outlook: Byron Moore, Senate Ways and Means.
- c. Governor's proposed budget: Early Learning, Leslie Goldstein and Cherie Berthon; K-12, Amy Skei.

2. Update on Engrossed Substitute [House Bill 2261](#): Committee staff.

### Higher Education

1/13/10 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm D

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: Discussion of tuition policy and the Governor's proposed supplemental higher education budget.

### Ways & Means

1/13/10 3:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: Presentation of the Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal.

Public Hearing: Education portions of the Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal.

### Education Appropriations

1/13/10 6:00 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session:

1. Overview of Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal.

2. Presentation of the Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal for:
- a. Early Learning
  - b. K-12
  - c. Higher Education

### Education Appropriations

1/14/10 1:30 pm  
House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: Education portions of the Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal.

### Education

1/15/10 8:00 am  
House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Dropout prevention and re-engagement.

Public Hearing: [SB 1418](#) - Establishing a statewide dropout reengagement system. (If measure is referred to committee.)

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## Health Care

### Health & Long-Term Care

1/13/2010 8:00 am  
Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 6280](#) - Concerning East Asian medicine practitioners. (if measure is referred to committee.)

### Health & Human Services Appropriations

1/13/10 6:00 pm  
House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm B  
John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: Overview of the Governor's proposed 2010 supplemental budget with focus on health and human services items.

Public Hearing: Public testimony on health and human services items in the Governor's proposed 2010 supplemental budget.

### Health & Human Services Appropriations

1/14/10 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm B

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: Public testimony on health and human services items in the Governor's proposed 2010 supplemental budget.

### Ways & Means

1/14/10 3:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: Health and human services portions of the Governor's 2010 supplemental operating budget proposal.

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## Economic Development

### Community & Economic Development & Trade

1/14/10 10:00 am

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm C

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 2641](#) - Expanding small business development centers. (if measure is referred to committee.)

## Budget

### Capital Budget

1/11/10 3:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm C

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: Governor Gregoire's 2010 Supplemental Capital Budget.

### Ways & Means

1/12/10 3:30 pm

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 4

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: Governor Gregoire's 2010 Supplemental Operating and Capital Budget proposals:

- a. Governor Christine Gregoire.
- b. Victor Moore, Director, Office of Financial Management.

Information is current as of: January 10, 2010.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>

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CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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